

TRAFFIC MANAGER FOR DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENTS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Techniques suitable for facilitating communications between various computer
5 programs operating on various nodes in a distributed computing environment are
disclosed. The techniques can be used by a traffic manager operating in such
environments. The traffic manager is capable of monitoring traffic exchanged
between client and server programs operating in the distributed computing
environment. Moreover, the traffic manager can be used to implement a variety of
10 desirable features across different computing environments. These computing
environments are typically separated by one or more distinguishing characteristics.
As will be appreciated, the traffic manager provides an integral and cost effective
solution which can bridge these distinguishing characteristics as well as define and
enforce policies across disparate computing environments. This is achieved by
15 centralizing the generation of interfaces which allow interaction between any of the
nodes in a distributed computing system. This avoids the redundancy and
inefficiency inherent in building these capabilities in each node, particularly in
complex systems.